

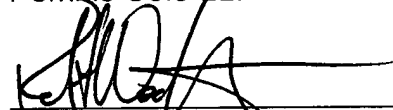
## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated January 12, 2005 are respectfully requested. Claims 1-18 and 23-37 were rejected for nonstatutory double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,484,420. For purposes of furthering prosecution of this application and without conceding to the basis for the rejection, Applicant submits herewith an executed terminal disclaimer in connection with U.S. Patent No. 6,484,420. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submits that the rejection has been overcome and that the pending claims are in conditions for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would further expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-3259.

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